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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
BOLIVIA

IPF:(1987-91) $18 920 000

(BOL/85/002) - Agricultural Development Gran Chaco

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	3 June 1987
Expected duration:	46 months
Proposed executing agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Corporación Regional de Desarrollo de Tarija (CODETAR)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$2 110 000 Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$2 110 000

Project background

One of the fundamental elements of the regional development policy of the Government of Bolivia is to reduce the extreme imbalances between the different Departments of the country. Within this policy, the development of the Province of Gran Chaco has been declared high priority in view of the Province's unused and underused resources. The Gran Chaco is located in the extreme southeastern part of Bolivia and covers an area of 18,110 Km^2. Approximately 53 percent of the Province is arid with less than 600 mm/year of precipitation; and there is also a semi-arid region as well as dry sub-humid zones. Thus,the ecosystem of the Province is precarious.

The population of the province is approximately 59,000 (out of a total population of 6 million in Bolivia) of which approximately 11,600 people are active in the agrarian sector. Ninety-nine per cent of the productive land resources are used for cattlegrazing,with only one per cent for agriculture. Sixty per cent of the farms are, on average, less than 1.17 hectare which, in view of their low productivity, is insufficient to maintain a family. The most important industrial activity in the Province is agro-industry, although there is a critical lack of raw material for the vegetable oil factory in Valle Montes and the cotton plant in Yacuiba.

According to existing studies, there is considerable potential to extend the agricultural and livestock frontier, improve production technology, double the livestock capacity, and improve productivity in the Gran Chaco Province of the Department of Tarija.

[1/] **This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.**

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Description of project

The basic objective of the project is to increase the local capacity to formulate and efficiently execute bankable programmes and projects. The project will consist of regional planning, project analysis and an action programme for crop and livestock farmers. The purpose of the action programme is to demonstrate the real potential for increasing production and productivity of selected crops and livestock in the Province and to test approaches to agricultural development for the preparation of large-scale follow-up investment projects.

Inputs

UNDP will provide the services of a CTA (24 man-months), international experts in pastures and fodder (24 man-months) and in conservation of natural resources (12 man-months) and international consultants for the preparatory mission (26 man-months); a national project director (21 man-months), a national crops expert (39 man-months), a national livestock expert (39 man-months) and administrative support; group and in-service training; $150,000 for a revolving fund and equipment for a veterinary laboratory, a soils laboratory and office equipment; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	1 069 700
Training	65 000
Equipment	929 100
Miscellaneous	46 200
Total	2 110 000

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